Medicaid's Preferred Drug List (PDL)

for The Health and Human Services Interim Committee

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Utah Legislature passed SB 42 in the 2007 General Session

- Allowed the Department of Health to implement a PDL
- Exempted "psychotropic or anti-psychotic drugs"
- Allowed a health care provider to override the PDL with appropriate documentation in the patient file and a handwritten note including the words "medically necessary dispense as written" on the prescription



What is a PDL?

- A list of drugs organized by drug class given preferential coverage as recommended by a Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
- A quality-promotion, cost-containment process for prescription drugs
- A practice that creates savings from secondary rebates and price discounts from market shifts
- It is NOT generic substitution NOR utilization



Medicaid Drug Program
Management

Drug Utilization Review

- Drug Othization Review
- •Started 1993
- •DUR Board
- •Federally Required
- •Prior Authorizations on specified drugs
- Primary rebates

Preferred Drug List

- •Started 2007
- •Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T)
- •Federally endorsed

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- •Currently no prior authorizations planned
- ·Secondary rebates



Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee Membership

- Pediatrician
- Internist
- Psychiatrist
- Family Medicine
- Hospital Pharmacist
- Chain Pharmacist
- Community Pharmacist
- Clinical Pharmacist
- Governmental Pharmacist



P&T Committee Process

- Meets monthly
- Evaluates drugs in designated classes for safety and efficacy
- Makes recommendations to UDOH



PDL Drug Classes Implemented

Drug Class	PDL Begin Date	
PPI	10/1/2007	
Statin	10/1/2007	
Oral Hypoglycemic	1/1/2008	
Diabetic Supply	1/1/2008	
Long Acting Narcotic	1/1/2008	
Hypotensive (ARB)	2/1/2008	
Asthma Inhaled (Beta Andrenergic)	3/1/2008	
Asthma Inhaled (Combo)	3/1/2008	
Hypotensive (Combo)	5/1/2008	



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PDL Savings Summary

State Fiscal Year	Description	General Funds	Total Funds
2008 Actual	Market Shift Savings	\$214,488	\$756,038
	Secondary Rebates	\$397,273	\$1,400,329
	Administrative Expenses	(\$65,876)	(\$213,503)
	PDL Savings	\$545,886	\$1,942,864
2009 Projection	Market Shift Savings	\$564,109	\$1,988,398
	Secondary Rebates	\$664,679	\$2,342,893
	Administrative Expenses	(\$46,790)	(\$137,160)
	PDL Savings	\$1,181,997	\$4,194,131



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PDL Market Share Comparison























